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1. CANADIAN DEL HAS APPROACHED FRENCH REGARDING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PROPOSED PANEL ON EXPORT COST INFLATION INSURANCE. FRENCH HAD ARGUED AT LAST GATT COUNCIL THAT CANADIANS SHOULD FOLLOW ARTICLE XXIII PROCEDURES, BUT CANADIANS HAVE ASKED THAT INITIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2 BE HELD INFORMALLY AND NOT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ANY GATT ARTICLE.

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2. FRENCH DEL (MOUTON) HAS AGREED TO MAY 2 INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BUT SAYS THAT PARIS IS LEANING TOWARD INSISTING THAT THE CANADIANS EVENTUALLY FOLLOW ARTICLE XXIII PROCEDURES IN THIS CASE. MOUTON CHARACTERIZED CHOICE AS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GETTING SLAPPED IN PANEL CONSIDERING ALL SUCH SCHEMES AS OPPOSED TO GETTING KICKED IN A SPECIFIC ARTICLE XXIII EXAMINATION OF THE FRENCH

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SCHEME, BUT SEES ARTICLE XXIII PROCEDURE AS CONSISTENT WITH FRANCE'S VIEW ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH SPECIFIC DISPUTES AND NOT QUESTIONS OF A GENERIC NATURE AS WOULD BE THE CASE IN THE PANEL DEMANDED BY THE CANADIANS.

3. CANADIANS WILL AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO PURSUE A SPECIFIC ARTICLE XXIII COMPLAINT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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